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09.23 XPs, constituents, and complements [12/24 to pass]

Part 1

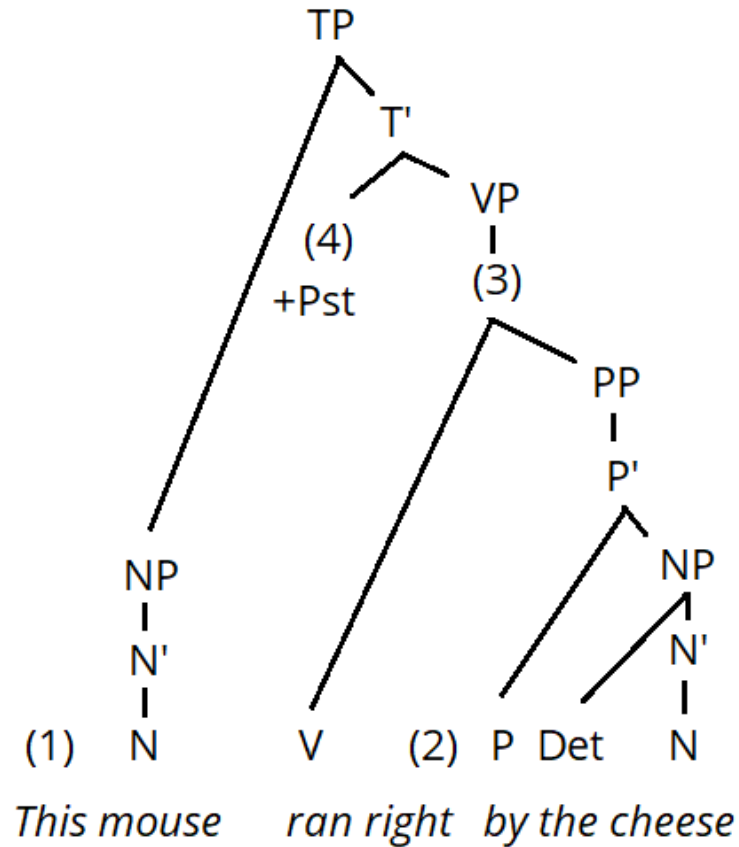
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In the general X' schema for an XP (phrase), we find a head, a complement, and a specifier. Match each statement with the most appropriate term.

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| 1. Is the sister of the head, attached under the lowest X' level of the phrase | A. head |
| 2. Is attached under the XP level of the phrase | B. specifier |
| 3. Is sometimes a word-level category, and is sometimes a phrase-level category | C. complement |
| 4. Is always a word-level category | D. complement |
| 5. Is always a phrase-level category | E. specifier |
| 6. Determines the category of the phrase (NP--noun phrase, VP--verb phrase, etc.) | F. head |

Fill in the blanks, referring to the X' tree diagram shown below.

The word category of *This* (1) is ____ and the word category of *right* (2) is _____. (1) connects to the tree as the (pick one: head, complement, specifier) ____ of the (what kind of phrase?) ____P whose head is the word _____. (2) connects to the tree as the (pick one: head, complement, specifier) ____ of the (what kind of phrase?) ____P whose head is the word _____. The label in position (3) is ____ and the label in position (4) is _____. The string of words *ran right by* (pick one: is, is not) ____ predicted to be a constituent by this tree structure. The string of words *the cheese* (pick one: is, is not) ____ predicted to be a constituent by this tree structure.



Consider the structure of the sentence shown below, and then answer the following true/false questions.

Maria knows that her friend likes chocolate.

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The sentence above contains an embedded sentence, which consists of the words *her friend likes chocolate*.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

4

The word category of *that* in the sentence above is C (complementizer).

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

5

The word category of *that* in the sentence above is Det (determiner).

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

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her friend likes chocolate is a TP, and *that* is its specifier.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

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her friend likes chocolate is a TP, and it is the complement of *that*.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

that her friend likes chocolate is a CP, and it is the complement of *knows*.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False